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INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES TO FOREST GUARDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to provide infrastructural facilities to the Forest Guards in the country had been under the consideration of the Government for a quite long time; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to give them adequate arms and ammunitions in the naxalite affected forest areas particularly in Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) There is no proposal under consideration to specifically provide infrastructural facilities to the Forest Guards. However, financial assistance is being provided to the State Governments under various schemes for strengthening of infrastructure for the field staff which includes the forest guards.

(b) There is no such scheme to provide arms and ammunitions to the forest guards specifically in the naxalite affected forest areas particularly in Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. However, Central assistance is provided to the State Governments under various schemes for infrastructure development which also includes arms and ammunitions. These funds are utilized by the State Government according to their priorities.